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Royal Progress;

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OF THE

King's Journey,

From His MAJESTY's setting out from *Kensington*, till His return.

By a Person of Quality.

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THE Royal Progreſs being reſolv'd on, and Preparations made accordingly, and the Gaurds ſent away before to lie on the Road, the King left *Kenſington* on *Thurſday* the Seventeenth of *October*, 1695. and arriv'd at *Newmarket* the ſame Evening; where the Eighteenth at Night happen'd a *Fire*, which began in a Stable, but was ſoon extinguiſh'd, and the Damage it did was very inconſiderable.

Several Gentlemen of theſe Parts came to wait on his Majeſty, and to welcome him Home and to this Place, and then took occaſion to Congratulate his Majeſty on his taking the City and ſtrong Caſtle of *Namur*: The next Day was ſpent in Hunting, with which his Majeſty was extreamly diverted. On *Sunday*, being the Twentieth, the principal Members of the Univerſity of *Cambridge* attended his Majeſty here, *viz.* at *Newmarket*, and the Vice-Chancellor made a ſhort Congratulatory Speech upon his Majeſty's happy Succeſs Abroad, and his ſafe Return: And his Majeſty, in anſwer to it, was graciouſly pleas'd to give them great Aſſurances of his Royal Favour and Protection; after which they all had the honour to kiſs his Majeſty's Hand.

The next Moning, being the Twenty firſt, the King parted from hence, and arrived the ſame Evening at *Althrop*, in

in *Northamptonſhire*, being attended by divers of the Nobility, and the principal Perſons of the Country. This is a noble Seat belonging to the Earl of *Sunderland*, an ancient Family, the *Spencers* having long poſſeſt it; here his Majeſty ſtaid a whole Week: The concourſe of Nobility, and Gentry, and chief Inhabitants of *Northampton* (which is near this Place) is very great. The King took the Diverſion of the Rural Sports two or three of the firſt Days, and on *Thurſday* the 24th. his Majeſty din'd with the Earl of *Northampton* at *Caſtle-Aſhby*, a very fine Houſe in the ſame County; and the next, being the 25th. the King did the Earl of *Montague* the Honour to dine with him at *Boughton*, a ſtately and magnificent Pile of Building: Here his Majeſty was ſplendidly Entertain'd, and was attended with a great Number of the Nobility and Gentry of this County, whom his Majeſty receiv'd very kindly, and told them, *Their County was, in his Opinion, the fineſt in* England,

land, *and, perhaps, in the whole World*; *that nothing made a Gentleman look like a Gentleman, but living like one.* His Majeſty thank'd them for their good Company; and, indeed, he had a great deal, for there was hardly any Body of Note that did not come upon this Occaſion; and as my Lord *Montague* was ſhewing his Majeſty his Houſe, Painting, Carving, *&c.* the King told my Lord, *'Twas not good for One to ſet One's Heart on any of them, for neither He nor his Lordſhip ſhould be there Forty Years hence to ſee them.*

The 28th. his Majeſty left *Althorp*, and came in the Evening to *Stamford*; but went (tho' out of his way) to ſee *Burghly* Houſe, the Seat and conſtant Reſidence of the Earl of *Exeter*, who was come away to *London*; which his Majeſty being inform'd of, was pleas'd to ask, if he had carried his Houſe with him? anſwer was made no; *Then*, ſays the King, *I'll go and ſee it*; which his

his Majeſty did twice, that night and the next morning, being extreamly ſatisfied with it: 'Tis a noble Pile of Stone Building, built indeed about a hundred Years ſince by *William* Lord *Burghley*, but mightily adorn'd and beautified by the preſent Earl of *Exeter*, who lives very Great and Nobly when there, like himſelf, and like an *Engliſh* Noble-Man; for loftineſs of Rooms, great variety of Pictures, and fine Painting and Carving, done by the greateſt Maſters of *Italy*, brought thence by his Lordſhip, maintain'd and liberally rewarded, for Terraſſes, Conduits, Fiſh-Ponds, Fountains, *&c.* It may vie with, nay, is thought the beſt in *England*. The Painting and Carving are ſo curious, that ſome very great Travellers, and Men of exquiſite Judgment, have affirm'd they have met with nothing either in *Italy* or in *France* that exceeds them. The Park is improv'd, by planting a multitude of Walks of Aſh, Elm, Cheſnut, and ſeveral other

other ſorts of Trees. Through this Park paſſeth the old *Roman* Way, mention'd by many Authors, and ſo on to *Walcote*, above *Berneck*. At *Wothorpe*, a little diſtance from this the Earl of *Exeter* has another handſome Seat, with a little Park wall'd about: It was built by *Thomas Cecil*, Earl of *Exeter*, and tho' not very ſmall (for it was large enough to hold the late Duke of *Buckingham* and his Family for ſome Years) yet ſo mean did it ſeem, in compariſon with the former, that its Founder pleaſantly ſaid, He *built it only to retire to out of the Duſt, while his great Houſe of* Burghley *was a ſweeping.*

At *Stamford* the Mayor and Aldermen, attended with their two Burgeſſes, waited on the King, and had the honour to kiſs his Majeſty's Hand, and of welcoming him into thoſe Parts, with all poſſible Demonſtrations of Joy, by ringing of Bells, making of Bonfires, and ſetting up

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of Illuminations throughout the whole Town.

The 29th. the King din'd at Sir *John Brownlow's* at *Bilton* near *Grantham*, and came that Night to *Lincoln*, being attended by a mighty concourſe of People.

The 30th. in the Morning his *Majeſty* left this Town, and went to *Welbeck*, having been met by the Duke of *Newcaſtle* Seven Miles off, at *Dunham-Ferry*, the Entrance into this County. The 31ſt. being the laſt Day of *October*, the King dined with his Grace the Duke of *Newcaſtle* at *Welbeck*, after having receiv'd the Diverſion of Hunting in the Forreſt of *Shirewood*, where are an infinite Number of Deer, and Branchy-headed Stags; his *Majeſty* gave order for the filling up the Saw-Pits there, which are dangerous to Huntſmen. *Welbeck-Abbey* lies on the

North-West side of this County of *Nottingham*, about a Mile and a half from *Workensop*, a Town famous for the abundance of Liquorice planted and cultivated there. *Welbeck* Abbey is a very noble Building, seated in the lowest part of a fine Park, surrounded with Trees of excellent Timber, and was the Seat of *William* and *Henry*, late (and also is of the present) Duke of *Newcastle*.

November 1st. his *Majesty* din'd at the Earl of *Kingston*'s, and was nobly entertain'd.

November 2d. The Lord-Mayor and Aldermen of *York*, in their Formalities, waited on the King that Morning at *Welbeck* Abbey, being introduced by the Duke of *Newcastle*; the Recorder made a Speech to his *Majesty*, who was pleas'd to confer the Honour of Knighthood upon the Lord-Mayor, *Gilbert Metcalf* Esquire. In the

Nottingham shire is in the province of york. the king did not proceed to york but went westward. the Corporat: probably attended the Archbishop.

the Evening the Lord-Archbiſhop of *York*, with his Clergy, attended his *Majeſty*, and congratulated his happy Succeſs and ſafe Return, expreſs'd their Gratitude for his *Majeſty*'s *Care of the Church*, who had ſhow'd himſelf truly the Defender of the Faith; gave his *Majeſty* great Aſſurance of their Zeal, and Loyalty to his Intereſts, and Government; pray'd for all Bleſſings to attend his Royal Perſon, and recommended Themſelves to his Royal Protection; which his *Majeſty* was pleas'd to aſſure them of, as alſo of his good Grace, and Favour.

The Corporations of *Newark* and *Eaſt-Retford* attended the King, and kiſſed his *Majeſty*'s Hand: The Recorder of each Place congratulated his *Majeſty*'s glorious Succeſs at *Namur*, and ſafe Return to *England*, and gave the King a moſt hearty Welcome in theſe Parts; all which his *Majeſty* took very kindly from them.

November 3d. The King left *Welbeck* in the Afternoon, and came in the Evening to the Earl of *Stamford's* Houſe at *Brodgate*, where his *Majeſty* lay that Night.

November 4th. About Nine this Night the King came to *Warwick* Caſtle to my Lord *Brooks*, being receiv'd with great Acclamations, ringing of Bells, Illuminations, Fire-works, and other Expreſſions of Joy and Reſpect.

The Mayor and Aldermen of *Warwick* met his *Majeſty* at the Towns-end, and attended his Coach to the *Caſtle*, where the King was met Splendidly, and manificently Entertain'd by my Noble Lord *Brooks*; who alſo provided a Bowl of Punch for the Towns-People, of One hundred and twenty Gallons, made in a Veſſel call'd *Guy* Earl of *Warwick's Pot*. Great were the

the Acclamations of the People here; *God-save King* William; and, *long live King* William, *&c.*

November 5th. The King left *Warwick* in the morning, being attended by my Lord *Brook*, ſeveral Gentlemen of the County, and the Magiſtrates, out of the Town, and ſome part of the way. The King din'd with my Lord Duke of *Shrewsbury* at *Eyfort*, and in the Evening came to *Burford*, where his *Majeſty* ſtaid till the Eighth; when the King left that Place, and arriv'd in the Evening at *Woodſtock*, having in his way ſeen *Cornbury-Houſe*.

And on the 9th. in the Morning his *Majeſty* came to *Oxford*, being met at ſome diſtance from thence by his Grace the Duke of *Ormond*, Chancellor of the Univerſity, and the Vice-Chancellor and the Doctors in their Habits: As alſo by the Magiſtrates of the City in their Formalities,

lities; and the Complements of both being made to his *Majesty*, by the Vice-Chancellor for the one, and by the Recorder for the other, they proceeded on Horse-back before his *Majesty*'s Coach to the *Theatre*, where a splendid Entertainment was provided, with great variety of excellent *Musick*; The Conduit of the City running all the while with Wine. The Thanks of the University were return'd to his *Majesty*, for this Royal Favour and Honour, in a very Elegant *Latin* Oration; And the Duke of *Ormond*, Chancellor of this University, presented the King, on his Knees, a large **Bible** in *English*, a large **Common-Prayer Book**, and the **Cuts** of the University, all richly Bound, and Printed in *Folio*, at the *Theatre*; with a Pair of Gold-Fringe Gloves.

After Dinner the Vice-Chancellor, Noble Men, and Gentlemen present, had the Honour

Whereas repeated attempts have been made to
entertainments were provided at Offa's
the king, which he refused to partake of,
on account of an idle letter dropped in
the street intimated a design to
poison him. He therefore took much for
Windsor, giving the gentleman an
house allotted for his own use.

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Honour to kiſs his *Majeſty*'s Hand, and attended the King to his Coach, who was pleas'd to tell them, That *this was a Viſit of Kindneſs, not Curioſity*; And therefore He did not go to ſee the Colleges, having ſeen the whole Univerſity before.

And ſo, after a ſhort ſtay, his Majeſty went on, and arriv'd at *Windſor* about Seven in the Evening, on the Ninth Inſtant.

The King din'd with my Lord *Godolphin* at *Cranborn-Houſe* on *Sunday* the Tenth Inſtant, and held a Council at *Windſor* in the Evening.

His Majeſty honour'd Sir *Stephen Fox* with his Royal Company at Dinner on the Eleventh, being *Munday*, at *Chiſwick*, and return'd in the Evening to his Royal Reſidence at *Kenſington*.

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Having compleated his Royal Progreſs in Six and twenty Days, to his entire Satisfaction, having been bleſs'd with extraordinary Weather, with a Continuation beyond what was to be expected from the Seaſon; and was receiv'd every where, either as his Majeſty paſs'd, or ſtaid, with hearty *Engliſh* Demonſtrations of Reſpect, Zeal, Affection, and Fidelity.

The Four Elements conſpir'd to make the King's Journey Pleaſant and Proſperous; and never did his Majeſty ſee ſo much real *Engliſh* Greatneſs, viſible in the Magnificent Entertainments every

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ry where provided for Him, far exceeding what our Neighbour-Nations ever did, when ever their Monarchs vouchſafed them the Honour of a Viſit; and, indeed, thus much may be ſaid now, and without the leaſt Tincture of Flattery, That this Progreſs will have happy and glorious Effects, by engaging the Hearts of all thoſe of His Majeſty's Subjects, who before had only heard what great Things the King had done for them, and all *Europe*, but now had the Honour and Happineſs to ſee that excellent Prince, that was deſtin'd by Heaven to make this Renow'd Kingdom of *En-*

gland flouriſh, beyond what it ever did in ancient Times; and to retrieve her Reputation, and make her Fame as laſting as Time it ſelf; and, to crown all, to eſtabliſh Us in an Honourable and Durable Peace.

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There is lately Publiſh'd,

Angliæ Tutamen: Or, the Safety *England.* Being an Account of the *Banks, Lotteries, Mines, Diving, Draining, Lifting,* and other *Engines,* and many pernicious *Projects* now on foot; tending to the Deſtruction of *Trade* and *Commerce,* and the Impoveriſhing this *Realm.* With Reflections thereon.

Solon Secundus: Or, ſome Defects in the *Engliſh* Laws; with their proper Remedies.

Both ſold by J. Whitlocck, *near* Sationers-Hall.